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WITH ISRAEL

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

QTE: MR LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL, DECIDED AFTER HAVING CONSULTED, IN
PARTICULAR, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL UNTIL THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST.

IN FACT, IN RECEIVING LAST WEEK THE ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, MR SENGHOR TOLD HIM THAT SENEGAL
WOULD BREAK ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL IF THE
ISRAELI ARMY, HAVING CROSSED THE SUEZ CANAL, MENACED
CAIRO BECAUSE SENEGAL HAD MADE, OF UNITY AND, CONSEQUENTLY,
OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, ONE OF THE AXES OF ITS FOREIGN
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POLICY.

NOW, THE ISRAELI ARMY PROFITED FROM THE CEASE-FIRE TO REINFORCE MASSIVELY ITS BRIDGEHEAD WEST OF THE CANAL AND TO CUT THE ROAD FROM SUEZ TO CAIRO, ENCIRCLING THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY, WHICH IT INVITED TO SURRENDER.

IF SENEGAL DID NOT IMMEDIATELY BREAK ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IT IS BECAUSE THE SENEGALESE CHIEF OF STATE, BEING IN EUROPE, HAD WANTED FIRST TO GATHER PROOF OF THE CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND TO CONSULT DAKAR.

MR SENGHOR HAS MADE CLEAR MANY TIMES WHAT HE MEANS BY "A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE". SUCH A PEACE MUST RESPOND TO THREE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUSTICE, NAMELY:

I. THAT THE PALESTINIAN ARABS, MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS, HAVE A HOMELAND (PATRIE) IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE THEY CAN FREELY ORGANIZE THEIR STATE ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEPLY FELT ASPIRATIONS.

II. THAT EGYPT AND THE OTHER ARAB STATES RECOVER THE TERRITORIES CONQUERED BY ISRAEL IN 1967 AND 1973.

III. THAT THE SECURITY OF FRONTIERS, FOR ISRAEL AS FOR THE ARAB STATES, BE GUARANTEED, NOT BY ANNEXATIONS OF TERRITORY, BUT BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. UNQTE.

2. RADIO SENEGAL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT BOTH ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE AND TUNISIAN PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA HAD SENT TELEGRAMS CONGRATULATING PRES. SENGHOR ON HIS DECISION.
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